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BOOK REVIEWS.

HAND-BOOK ON THE LAW OF PERSONS AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS. By Walter C. Tiffany. St. Paul, Minn.: West Publishing Co. 1896.

The common law of domestic relations has been considerably modified by statute; in some States the old law has been almost entirely superseded by legislative enactments. Mr. Tiffany has given the common law fully. The statements of the results of the decisions are clear, concise, and to the point; the cases are cited on the same pages as the statements derived from them so that the reader may develop the law from the original causes.

Then the most general statutes that have been enacted are quoted in substance and discussed. Their judicial interpretations are considered where they have been passed upon; but it is left to the individual to find out the statutes, which are in force in his own or particular States.

Besides the original scope of the book which included the subjects, Husband and Wife, Parent and Child, and Guardian and Ward, Chapters by William L. Clark, Jr., have been added on Master and Servant, Persons *Non-Compotes Mentis*, and Liens. Nearly five thousand cases are quoted, and all in all, this recent Hornbook is equal in merit to those excellent volumes of the same series, which have preceded it.

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HAND-BOOK ON THE LAW OF TORTS. By WILLIAM B. HALE, LL.B. St. Paul: West Publishing Co. 1896. *Hornbook* Series.

This volume, the author states, is brought out to supply the demand for a single-volume work on the subject of Torts. It follows closely, both in plan and subject-matter, the two-volume treatise on the subject, published in the Hornbook Series, by Mr. Jaggard. The changes that have been made are chiefly in the internal arrangement of the chapters and in the simplification of the black-letter headings, which constitute so prominent a feature of the series. The abridgement has been principally effected by the omission of merely cumulative citations and illustrations from the text and notes, though the former has been improved upon by the citation of a number of new cases, which may be called leading or illustrative.

One of the best features of the work is the opening chapter on the "General Nature of Torts," which contains a most satisfactory discussion of the origin of the law of torts, of its connection with the common-law pleading, and of the effect of the forms of action on the classification of the law of torts, and distinguishes torts